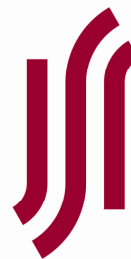


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Reynolds celebrates community partners at grand opening of Ivor and Maureen Massey Library Technology Center

RICHMOND, Va. (September 12, 2008) – This week J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College celebrated the grand opening of the Ivor and Maureen Massey Library Technology Center with a dedication ceremony honoring College benefactors and long-time community partners.

“In just weeks since the start of the semester, students have already made this building their second home,” said Reynolds President Gary L. Rhodes. “The Ivor and Maureen Massey Library Technology Center has elevated our academic status in this community.”

The building was named to recognize the generosity of community philanthropists **Ivor and Maureen Massey** and is the first new academic building on the College’s Parham Road Campus in 28 years. The couple said they see Reynolds as an important player in providing solutions to Richmond’s greatest challenges, including the high school dropout crisis, underprepared students coming out of K-12 schools, and developing a skilled workforce for the region.

The 378-seat **Jeanette S. Lipman Auditorium** is a centerpiece of the facility that will be used for lectures, discussion, films, and community events. Mrs. Lipman was recognized at the celebration for her generous support of students over the years through scholarships. The building’s high-tech “smart” classrooms were named in honor of community partner **Dominion**, and technology advocates **Ranjit and Inge Sen**. The event also marked the dedication of the **Gilbert and Fannie Rosenthal Lobby**, known community philanthropists in Richmond.

Holding nearly 35,000 books and other printed resources, the facility includes state-of-the-art computer labs, group study rooms with flat screen monitors, study carrels, casual seating areas, a periodical room, and general use classrooms. The Library is open to the public.

Serving over 18,000 students annually, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College is the youngest and third largest of 23 community colleges in Virginia. The College operates three campuses serving residents in the City of Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Hanover, Goochland, Powhatan and Louisa.

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